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JAMES K. MEHAN HEADS GPO'S MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

James K. (Ken) Mehan has been named Director of Materials Management Service for the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). As such, Mehan is responsible for the procurement of materials, equipment, and supplies necessary to accomplish the mission of the Office and to provide support to other agencies of the Federal Government. The appointment became effective July 18, 1999.

GPO's Materials Management Service annually purchases printing and copy paper, valued at more than \$30 million, to fulfill printing needs and for sale to other Federal agencies. The Service also executes contracts with unlimited dollar value for items including presses and equipment supplies, envelopes and containers, real estate, and cafeteria and protective services for GPO.

Mehan began his GPO career in 1976 as a Procurement Agent and was promoted a year later to Supervisory Contract Specialist (Assistant Chief, General Procurement Division). In 1980, he became Chief of the General Procurement Division. Mehan was named Chief of the Paper & Specialized Procurement & Sales Division in 1982, the position he held until his recent promotion.

Before coming to GPO Mehan held several sales and procurement positions including jobs as a buyer for the Boeing Company in Seattle, a procurement manager with the City of Seattle, and a procurement analyst with the National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

Mehan holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Swarthmore College and a master's degree in marketing from the University of Washington in Seattle. He has completed numerous training courses and received recognition throughout his GPO career, including four Outstanding Performance Awards and many letters of appreciation. Mehan served in the U.S. Army from 1959 through 1961. A native of Pennsylvania, GPO's new Materials Management Director resides in Reston, VA, with his wife, Janet.

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